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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION DECEMBER 1986 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH

The Statewide actual unemployment rate was almost unchanged over the month, inching downward from 8.9 percent in October to 8.8 percent in November. Although the monthly change was minimal, the November rate was the lowest in the actual series since April, when the rate was 8.2 percent. Unemployment declined by only 8,300 in November, to 725,900 at mid-month. The number of Texans with jobs also dropped slightly over the month, totaling 7,489,200 in mid-November.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,623.0	118,699.0	116,097.0
Unemployment	7,872.0	7,842.0	7,815.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.6	6.7
Total Employment	110,751.0	110,857.0	108,282.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,654.0	118,482.0	116,130.0
Unemployment	8,283.0	8,242.0	8,161.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.0	7.0
Total Employment	110,371.0	110,240.0	107,969.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,251.1	8,233.8	8,067.8
Unemployment	725.9	734.2	521.6
Percent Unemployed	8.8	8.9	6.5
Total Employment	7,489.2	7,499.6	7,546.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,245.0	8,241.0	8,104.0
Unemployment	784.0	781.0	566.0
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.5	7.0
Total Employment	7,461.0	7,460.0	7,538.0

As the modest changes in both employment and unemployment indicate, there was little movement in the Texas economy between October and November. Most of the jobs currently being created are seasonal ones, and basic economic conditions have not improved noticeably. Evidence that the basic economy is still doing poorly is in the seasonally adjusted series (which excludes seasonal factors to more accurately reflect underlying economic factors). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas was unchanged over the month, at 9.5 percent -- up substantially from the November 1985 rate of 7.0 percent. Texas jobless rates continued to be well above those for the Nation. The U. S. unemployment rate in both series was unchanged over the month, as the actual rate remained at 6.6 percent while the seasonally adjusted rate stood at 7.0 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The count of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas declined between October and November 1986 for the first time since the recessionary period of 1982. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, at 6,683,700 in mid-November, had dropped by 1,600 over the past month and was 63,600 below the year-ago level. Moderate increases in government, trade, and finance, insurance and real estate were insufficient to completely nullify downturns in construction, manufacturing and services in November.

Aside from mining, where job deletions have slowed to a trickle, construction is the softest spot in the Texas economy at the moment. Over the past year, this sector

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,800	52,600	54,100	81,500	80,800	82,700	367,200	367,300	368,500
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,400	10,200	10,100	10,300	40,100	40,200	41,800
Mining	3,200	3,200	4,100	1,300	1,200	1,800	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,200	4,000	4,600	24,200	24,600	27,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	5,900	5,900	6,300	11,500	11,500	11,000
Trade	14,500	14,400	14,300	24,700	24,500	24,500	82,500	82,300	83,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,300	4,300	4,500	25,600	25,700	25,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,500	16,600	16,500	16,200	85,900	85,800	83,400
Government	8,200	8,100	8,200	14,300	14,300	14,500	96,400	96,200	95,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,500	128,600	136,000	57,400	57,300	59,100	66,200	65,500	64,900
Manufacturing	25,100	25,200	26,800	15,300	15,300	16,300	9,300	9,100	9,400
Mining	1,200	1,200	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,800	100	100	100
Construction	8,500	8,500	9,700	5,900	5,900	6,300	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,500	10,100	2,000	1,900	2,200	3,400	3,300	3,300
Trade	31,900	31,700	33,400	11,000	11,100	11,400	18,300	18,200	18,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,600
Services & Misc.	26,800	27,000	27,400	8,400	8,300	8,100	12,900	12,900	12,400
Government	20,300	20,200	20,400	11,200	11,200	10,700	15,500	15,300	14,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	51,900	48,900	50,100	134,500	134,400	137,200	1,340.1	1,347.2	1,326.7
Manufacturing	3,000	3,100	3,700	12,100	12,200	13,000	232.3	233.5	233.3
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,000	6,100	7,500	20.0	20.3	23.8
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,800	11,400	11,400	11,400	70.4	74.0	85.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500	7,400	7,400	7,600	85.7	85.7	84.1
Trade	10,900	11,100	10,900	34,400	34,200	34,700	360.2	358.9	354.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	2,000	6,900	6,900	6,900	133.0	133.0	127.1
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,400	7,500	28,400	28,300	28,100	291.3	294.2	278.9
Government	24,300	20,800	20,400	27,900	27,900	28,000	147.2	147.6	139.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,500	178,400	178,000	510,200	510,300	510,300	71,600	71,800	72,500
Manufacturing	32,500	32,900	36,000	115,600	115,500	115,500	9,200	9,200	10,100
Mining	200	200	400	3,300	3,300	4,500	400	400	800
Construction	9,000	9,200	9,000	31,200	32,000	33,300	2,900	3,000	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,400	29,000	28,600	27,100	5,600	5,600	5,400
Trade	46,200	46,000	44,100	137,300	136,500	138,900	13,500	13,500	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,600	9,500	9,000	27,800	28,200	28,500	4,700	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	33,900	34,100	33,900	105,100	105,500	101,000	12,700	12,900	12,600
Government	37,500	37,100	36,200	60,900	60,700	61,500	22,600	22,500	21,900

has lost over 41,000 jobs. Some 7,000 of these positions were deleted in November, as on-going projects were completed and no additional work was forthcoming. Only 300 jobs were cut in mining in November, and just one-third of those were in oil and gas extraction. Hopefully, this signals the bottoming-out of the downturn in oil and gas. Between November 1985 and November 1986, mining declined by 60,400.

Seasonal decreases were responsible for the over-the-month downturn in services, which lost 2,700 jobs in November. Amusement, including motion pictures, deleted 4,000 jobs as the baseball season ended and the State Fair closed. Seasonal declines were primarily responsible for the loss of 1,700 positions in hotels and other lodging places. A sizeable increase in business and repair services was not large enough to overcome the two bigger losses.

The largest number of new hires in November was generated by government, as the educational sectors of both state and local government added workers. The increases in local education were primarily to complete hiring for the fall semester, while within state government a large university filled vacancies following the lifting of a hiring freeze.

Trade normally accelerates strongly in November; and two retail sectors, general merchandise stores and apparel and accessories, did add 9,000 jobs. This increase,

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Industry	Nov. '86*	Oct. '86**	Nov. '85**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,456.1	1,459.7	1,499.3
Manufacturing	156.9	158.2	171.5
Mining	75.8	76.8	90.3
Construction	93.8	96.3	105.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	96.8	96.6	101.4
Trade	369.4	368.9	382.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	110.3	111.4	111.8
Services & Misc.	357.1	356.5	349.0
Government	196.0	195.0	187.7
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	66,600	66,900	69,200
Manufacturing	15,000	15,200	16,500
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,500
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	17,700	17,700	17,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,700	11,900
Government	8,000	8,000	8,100
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	45,700	45,800	49,700
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,900
Mining	8,600	8,600	11,300
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,500
Trade	10,700	10,700	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	8,900
Government	6,600	6,600	6,300
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	484,400	484,600	484,100
Manufacturing	47,200	48,000	49,600
Mining	2,600	2,700	3,400
Construction	31,800	32,800	36,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,900	17,900	19,000
Trade	127,200	126,500	126,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,300	37,100	36,700
Services & Misc.	110,300	110,800	108,800
Government	110,100	108,800	104,000
TYLER			
TOTAL	63,200	63,100	63,500
Manufacturing	11,100	11,100	11,600
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,700
Construction	2,500	2,700	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	3,000	3,100
Trade	17,800	17,800	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,000	4,000
Services & Misc.	14,000	13,700	13,000
Government	8,800	8,700	8,600
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	51,300	51,100	52,500
Manufacturing	8,300	8,300	8,600
Mining	2,400	2,400	3,000
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	13,000	12,800	13,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,900
Government	10,400	10,400	10,500

Industry	Nov. '86*	Oct. '86**	Nov. '85**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	68,100	68,000	67,600
Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	8,600
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,600	3,700	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900
Trade	16,500	16,400	16,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,900	2,900
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,500	13,000
Government	20,100	20,000	19,600
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	92,300	92,100	93,600
Manufacturing	7,100	7,400	7,500
Mining	300	300	600
Construction	3,800	3,900	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,400	4,400	4,800
Trade	28,300	27,800	28,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,400	5,500
Services & Misc.	20,600	20,400	19,800
Government	22,500	22,500	22,600
ODESSA			
TOTAL	45,600	45,600	52,200
Manufacturing	4,100	4,200	5,000
Mining	6,500	6,600	8,900
Construction	2,200	2,300	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,600
Trade	13,400	13,200	14,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,300
Government	7,200	7,100	7,400
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	37,700	37,700	37,400
Manufacturing	11,100	11,100	11,700
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	8,700	8,600	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,400	7,200
Government	5,100	5,100	5,000
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	27,800	27,800	29,500
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,200
Mining	2,300	2,200	3,200
Construction	1,600	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,400	1,500	1,500
Trade	7,700	7,700	8,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,700	5,600	5,300
Government	4,400	4,400	4,100

Industry	Nov. '86*	Oct. '86**	Nov. '85**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	35,300	35,500	34,600
Manufacturing	2,000	2,000	1,800
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,900
Construction	1,300	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,800
Trade	10,400	10,600	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	6,200	6,200	5,800
Government	8,700	8,600	8,200
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	86,000	85,900	85,100
Manufacturing	12,200	12,300	11,700
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,600
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	25,700	25,600	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,900	3,900	4,000
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,400	13,000
Government	22,600	22,300	21,600
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,800	36,600	37,700
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	5,400
Mining	600	500	900
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	9,600	9,500	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,300	7,400
Government	6,800	6,700	6,800
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	46,200	46,000	45,700
Manufacturing	7,300	7,200	7,700
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	11,500	11,400	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,500
Government	12,600	12,600	12,600
WACO			
TOTAL	79,100	78,800	78,900
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	16,700
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	4,500	4,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	19,400	19,300	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	19,300	19,400	18,500
Government	12,500	12,400	11,900

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.
1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Nov. 1986*	Oct. 1986**	Nov. 1985**	Change From Oct. 1986	Change From Nov. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,683,700	6,685,300	6,747,300	-1,600	-63,600
Manufacturing	959,700	963,500	998,100	-3,800	-38,400
Durable Goods	558,100	560,300	586,200	-2,200	-28,100
Lumber & Wood Products	39,700	40,500	41,100	-800	-1,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,900	7,600	-200	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,300	17,700	18,100	-400	-800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,800	46,400	49,400	-600	-3,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	21,500	21,800	23,800	-300	-2,300
Primary Metal Industries	29,500	29,700	32,900	-200	-3,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,900	76,100	82,600	-200	-6,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	39,500	39,600	42,800	-100	-3,300
Machinery, Except Electrical	112,500	112,700	130,000	-200	-17,500
Oil Field Machinery	24,900	25,200	37,900	-300	-13,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,300	117,500	113,900	-200	3,400
Transportation Equipment	85,300	85,000	81,100	300	4,200
Aircraft & Parts	49,800	49,600	42,700	200	7,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,200	22,200	23,800	0	-1,600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,600	12,500	13,300	100	-700
Nondurable Goods	401,600	403,200	411,900	-1,600	-10,300
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	99,700	98,800	-600	300
Meat Products	27,300	27,400	26,900	-100	400
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Bakery Products	11,200	11,200	11,200	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,700	0	-700
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	52,500	53,400	58,100	-900	-5,600
Paper & Allied Products	23,300	23,100	23,100	200	200
Printing & Publishing	76,700	76,300	75,400	400	1,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,300	38,200	37,400	100	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,900	74,200	77,200	-300	-3,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,000	31,300	32,700	-300	-1,700
Petroleum Refining	28,100	28,400	29,600	-300	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	6,900	7,800	0	-900
Other Nondurable Goods	34,200	34,300	34,100	-100	100
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,724,000	5,721,800	5,749,200	2,200	-25,200
Mining	192,200	192,500	252,600	-300	-60,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,800	184,900	244,300	-100	-59,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,400	7,600	8,300	-200	-900
Construction	406,700	413,700	448,100	-7,000	-41,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,000	375,200	384,100	800	-8,100
Railroad Transportation	21,600	21,600	23,000	0	-1,400
Transportation, Except Railroads	189,700	189,200	189,700	500	0
Transportation by Air	53,200	52,600	48,100	600	5,100
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,800	86,500	90,500	300	-3,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,900	77,900	80,900	0	-3,000
Electric Services	45,200	45,200	45,800	0	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	25,300	25,300	28,400	0	-3,100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,719,900	1,718,700	1,726,400	1,200	-6,500
Wholesale Trade	431,000	432,500	444,700	-1,500	-13,700
Retail Trade	1,288,900	1,286,200	1,281,700	2,700	7,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	47,400	47,900	53,200	-500	-5,800
General Merchandise Stores	174,600	168,000	168,200	6,600	6,400
Food Stores	236,600	240,600	231,800	-4,000	4,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	144,900	146,700	145,400	-1,800	-500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,500	82,100	86,000	2,400	-1,500
Other Retail Trade	600,900	600,900	597,100	0	3,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	453,800	452,700	446,600	1,100	7,200
Banking	102,300	102,900	107,500	-600	-5,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,700	144,100	137,200	600	7,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,800	205,700	201,900	1,100	4,900
Services	1,384,400	1,387,100	1,357,600	-2,700	26,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,300	87,000	84,500	-1,700	800
Personal Services	83,000	82,900	82,600	100	400
Business & Repair Services	384,200	381,700	378,300	2,500	5,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	48,300	52,300	47,100	-4,000	1,200
Health Services	363,700	363,700	350,700	0	13,000
Educational Services	74,100	73,500	74,200	600	-100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	345,800	346,000	340,200	-200	5,600
Total Government	1,191,000	1,181,900	1,133,800	9,100	57,200
Total Federal Government	190,900	191,300	187,000	-400	3,900
Total State Government	251,900	247,800	242,300	4,100	9,600
Total Local Government	748,200	742,800	704,500	5,400	43,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	57,000	56,800	101,400	100,700	101,700	429,800	429,100	424,400
Total Unemployment	5,100	5,300	3,600	6,500	6,300	5,300	25,300	24,900	20,400
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	5.2	5.9	5.8	4.8
Total Employment 2/	51,800	51,700	53,200	94,900	94,400	96,400	404,500	404,200	404,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	157,900	159,400	164,700	79,200	79,700	78,800	93,600	93,400	90,300
Total Unemployment	20,300	21,300	19,200	8,400	8,500	5,900	13,500	13,600	11,600
Percent Unemployed	12.9	13.4	11.7	10.6	10.7	7.5	14.4	14.6	12.8
Total Employment 2/	137,600	138,100	145,500	70,800	71,200	72,900	80,100	79,800	78,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,100	57,100	58,200	169,400	169,900	165,600	1,403.9	1,410.4	1,372.7
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,600	2,800	20,700	21,200	13,800	83.0	82.3	62.9
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.3	4.8	12.2	12.5	8.3	5.9	5.8	4.6
Total Employment 2/	56,400	53,500	55,400	148,700	148,700	151,800	1,320.9	1,328.1	1,309.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	218,400	220,500	211,000	646,100	646,600	635,800	106,600	107,300	106,100
Total Unemployment	24,400	26,200	18,800	42,900	43,300	31,200	11,700	12,200	9,600
Percent Unemployed	11.2	11.9	8.9	6.6	6.7	4.9	11.0	11.4	9.0
Total Employment 2/	194,000	194,300	192,200	603,200	603,300	604,600	94,900	95,100	96,500
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,652.4	1,660.9	1,642.5	88,100	88,200	87,100	44,500	44,200	41,900
Total Unemployment	165.7	170.1	114.9	6,800	6,900	7,000	7,500	7,000	4,900
Percent Unemployed	10.0	10.2	7.0	7.7	7.8	8.0	16.9	15.8	11.7
Total Employment 2/	1,486.7	1,490.8	1,527.6	81,300	81,300	80,100	37,000	37,200	37,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,800	80,400	80,400	110,100	109,900	110,300	143,600	141,600	137,800
Total Unemployment	9,000	9,400	7,100	7,000	7,400	5,500	29,600	28,500	23,800
Percent Unemployed	11.3	11.7	8.8	6.4	6.7	5.0	20.6	20.1	17.3
Total Employment 2/	70,800	71,000	73,300	103,100	102,500	104,800	114,000	113,100	114,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,300	52,400	52,700	59,100	59,600	60,500	44,600	44,600	44,600
Total Unemployment	5,800	6,100	2,600	9,400	9,800	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,900
Percent Unemployed	11.1	11.6	4.9	15.9	16.4	5.3	7.2	7.4	4.3
Total Employment 2/	46,500	46,300	50,100	49,700	49,800	57,300	41,400	41,300	42,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	567,300	566,500	553,900	47,400	47,600	46,100	57,400	57,300	57,200
Total Unemployment	45,000	43,600	30,600	3,800	3,900	2,800	4,600	4,600	4,500
Percent Unemployed	7.9	7.7	5.5	8.0	8.2	6.1	8.0	8.0	7.9
Total Employment 2/	522,300	522,900	523,300	43,600	43,700	43,300	52,800	52,700	52,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,200	77,200	75,900	37,100	37,100	38,200	91,300	91,100	88,400
Total Unemployment	6,900	7,100	5,200	3,800	3,900	2,600	7,400	7,400	4,700
Percent Unemployed	8.9	9.2	6.9	10.2	10.5	6.8	8.1	8.1	5.3
Total Employment 2/	70,300	70,100	70,700	33,300	33,200	35,600	83,900	83,700	83,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	57,000	56,700				8,215.1	8,233.8	8,067.8
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,700	3,200				725.9	734.2	521.6
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.2	5.6				8.8	8.9	6.5
Total Employment 2/	52,500	52,300	53,500				7,489.2	7,499.6	7,546.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.± 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov.± 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov.± 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 400.89	$ 393.74	$ 392.06	41.5	41.1	41.4	$ 9.66	$ 9.58	$ 9.47
Durable Goods	390.93	386.68	391.15	41.5	41.4	41.7	9.42	9.34	9.38
Lumber & Wood Products	272.92	277.17	258.02	39.9	40.7	38.8	6.84	6.81	6.65
Furniture & Fixtures	235.48	255.73	246.83	37.2	40.4	40.2	6.33	6.33	6.14
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	371.86	369.51	385.87	43.8	44.2	44.2	8.49	8.36	8.73
Primary Metal Industries	418.55	399.38	428.90	39.9	38.7	41.4	10.49	10.32	10.36
Fabricated Metal Products	370.94	361.98	369.64	41.4	40.4	41.3	8.96	8.96	8.95
Machinery, exc. Electric	398.52	402.78	405.04	40.5	41.1	41.8	9.84	9.80	9.69
Oil Field Machinery	405.15	436.08	487.34	36.5	39.5	42.9	11.10	11.04	11.36
Electric & Electronic Equip.	436.74	421.84	420.26	43.5	42.1	41.9	10.04	10.02	10.03
Transportation Equipment	528.47	515.26	534.60	43.0	42.2	42.7	12.29	12.21	12.52
Instruments & Related Prod.	329.33	330.57	338.25	39.3	39.4	41.3	8.38	8.39	8.19
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.39	291.21	262.76	41.2	43.4	40.3	6.49	6.71	6.52
Nondurable Goods	412.76	402.93	394.15	41.4	40.7	41.1	9.97	9.90	9.59
Food & Kindred Products	336.19	331.60	338.97	40.8	40.0	41.9	8.24	8.29	8.09
Meat Products	263.86	265.17	268.62	40.1	40.3	40.7	6.58	6.58	6.60
Malt Beverages	802.15	787.87	755.91	46.8	46.4	45.4	17.14	16.98	16.65
Textile Mill Products	324.01	314.43	284.76	45.7	44.6	42.0	7.09	7.05	6.78
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.30	191.51	197.02	37.2	36.9	37.6	5.25	5.19	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	452.49	443.23	460.71	43.3	42.7	43.3	10.45	10.38	10.64
Printing & Publishing	387.87	394.82	374.07	39.7	39.8	39.5	9.77	9.92	9.47
Chemicals & Allied Products	665.52	626.88	628.99	43.9	42.5	43.2	15.16	14.75	14.56
Petroleum & Coal Products	640.22	640.47	629.59	43.2	43.1	42.8	14.82	14.86	14.71
Petroleum Refining	665.52	666.58	658.26	43.3	43.2	42.8	15.37	15.43	15.38
Leather & Leather Products	210.11	187.60	223.69	39.2	35.0	41.5	5.36	5.36	5.39
Other Nondurable Goods	395.50	392.50	366.33	45.2	44.4	41.3	8.75	8.84	8.87
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	536.15	532.49	492.59	44.2	44.3	43.4	12.13	12.02	11.35
Oil & Gas Extraction	540.02	536.35	497.04	44.3	44.4	43.6	12.19	12.08	11.40
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	459.46	451.73	404.33	42.9	42.1	40.8	10.71	10.73	9.91
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	500.96	488.03	484.00	40.4	40.4	40.3	12.40	12.08	12.01
Elec., Gas & San. Services	421.59	424.67	462.35	39.0	39.8	40.1	10.81	10.67	11.53
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.62	224.64	228.25	31.9	32.0	32.7	7.01	7.02	6.98
Wholesale Trade	379.82	379.60	380.15	39.4	39.5	40.1	9.64	9.61	9.48
Retail Trade	177.31	178.50	179.38	29.7	29.8	30.3	5.97	5.99	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	183.30	183.58	179.42	28.2	28.2	28.8	6.50	6.51	6.23
Banking	283.68	271.36	270.18	39.4	37.9	38.0	7.20	7.16	7.11

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 399.42	$ 390.70	$ 391.67	42.0	41.3	41.8	$ 9.51	$ 9.46	$ 9.37
Durable Goods	423.16	414.69	415.39	42.7	42.1	42.3	9.91	9.85	9.82
Nondurable Goods	355.72	346.26	348.47	40.7	39.8	40.9	8.74	8.70	8.52
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	408.66	401.31	392.70	41.7	41.5	41.6	9.80	9.67	9.44
Durable Goods	435.69	423.43	409.78	42.3	41.8	41.9	10.30	10.13	9.78
Nondurable Goods	338.89	346.39	349.21	40.2	40.8	40.7	8.43	8.49	8.58
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	487.82	478.40	472.60	43.4	42.6	42.5	11.24	11.23	11.12
Durable Goods	413.99	400.32	419.05	42.9	41.7	42.5	9.65	9.60	9.86
Nondurable Goods	573.76	568.54	546.98	44.0	43.7	42.5	13.04	13.01	12.87
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	311.41	298.75	296.84	41.8	40.1	41.0	7.45	7.45	7.24
Durable Goods	325.56	319.98	314.07	40.9	40.3	42.1	7.96	7.94	7.46
Nondurable Goods	296.77	278.10	280.80	42.7	39.9	40.0	6.95	6.97	7.02

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

however, was partially offset by sizeable declines in two other retail trade sectors. Food stores decreased by 4,000 in November, and automotive dealers and service stations recorded a drop of 1,800. These losses, and a decline of 1,500 in wholesale trade, kept the total trade increase to only 1,200.

Most of the growth in finance, insurance and real estate was due to seasonal gains among real estate appraisers as tax season approached and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers. Banking continued its slow decreases in November. Within transportation and public utilities, only a moderate seasonal increase in transportation by air was notable.

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Losses were much more common than gains in manufacturing industries in November, as an additional 3,800 jobs were deleted. Manufacturing is now 38,400 below its year-ago level and shows little evidence of immediate improvement. The majority of the losses continued to be in durable goods, which dropped by 2,200 over the month. The only two durable goods sectors which did not decline were transportation equipment and instruments and related products, both of which managed only anemic increases. The stagnation of construction activity is now affecting several durable goods industries, such as lumber and wood products, stone, clay and glass products, and furniture and fixtures. Nondurable goods fared little better over the month, losing 1,600 jobs. The largest losses were in apparel and other finished textile products, where seasonal layoffs combined with more permanent ones, and in food and kindred products, where the declines were more seasonal in nature. Other, smaller decreases and increases were interspersed within the nondurable sector.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

The number of manufacturing production workers declined by 1,700 over the month, to an estimated 621,900 in mid-November. These production workers earned an average of $9.66 per hour for a 41.5-hour work week, for average weekly earnings of $400.89 in November. Average weekly hours rose by 0.4 hour over the month, and average hourly earnings increased by 8¢, pushing weekly earnings up by $7.15.

There were contrasting trends among various manufacturing industries. Some sectors, such as oil field machinery and furniture and fixtures, scheduled shorter work weeks to forestall further layoffs, while other industries, such as leather and leather products reported seasonal gains in hours worked. Average hourly earnings were pushed up by more hours worked at premium pay in stone, clay and glass products and in primary metals.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1985
Total Population	16,878,000	16,497,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7	1.5
UI Covered Employers	314,783	314,100
Total Claims Actions	710,900	434,598
Total Initial Claims Actions	78,162	66,786
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	632,738	367,812
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.76	$146.26
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$87,356,875	$49,401,873
Total Placements	20,336	31,509

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